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1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH OCTOBER 2, SYG RAISED THE SUBJECT OF
NATO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY, AND INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN SOME TALK
OF HOLDING THE CELEBRATION IN TURKEY. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ERALP
SAID HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HOST THE ANNIVERSARY FOR LACK
OF A SUITABLE BUILDING.

2. ASKED THE U.S. AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENTS' REACTIONS TO
HAVING THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN ONE OF THEIR COUNTRIES.
HE BELIEVED THERE SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN TWO BIG NATO MEETINGS
A YEAR, AND THAT THEREFORE THE ANNIVERSARY SHOULD BE COMBINED
WITH THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING, POSSIBLY IN MAY, WITH A
RECEPTION AND MILITARY EVENT. HE SAID WE MUST FIRST KNOW WHERE
THE ANNIVERSARY WILL BE, AND THEN PLAN HOW TO HOLD THE CELEBRAT-
ION.

3. LUNS ALSO THOUGHT THAT IF PRESIDENT NIXON CAME TO EUROPE
IN MARCH, NATO MIGHT COMBINE THE SPRING MINISTERIAL, THE ANNI-
VERSARY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT INTO ONE EVENT IN BRUSSELS.

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4. BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE INTERJECTED THAT THE ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WAS NO REASON FOR THE PRESIDENT TO DELAY A VISIT.
LUNS AGREED, SAYING: "NO, IT WOULD BE ONLY IF HE WERE NOT COMING
UNTIL NEXT YEAR." RUMSFELD

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